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AUTO INDUSTRY BOOSTS PRODUCTION OF PARTS

Production of Automobile Parts

Major Soviet parts and accessory plants have been operating well, according to recent press reports.

The Moscow Carburctor Plant completed its 11-month program on 26 October, with all workers fulfilling their norms and the majority of them reaching figures set for 1950. Within the past 9 months, the plant's production has been 11.3 percent above plan, or 2.7 times as great as at the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. During the same 9 months, officiency measures saved the plant about one will on rubles, or twice the amount of the entire preceding year. (1)

In $1\frac{1}{2}$ months, the Carburetor Plant made a special carburetor for starting motors on Diesel tractors, as well as the special dies, cutting and measuring tools required for its production. Already in series production, the new carburetors are simple in construction, economical, and efficient.

A new motorcycle carturator, designed for the machines from the Izhevsk Plant, has also gone into series production. Tests held here have shown it to be 10-15 times more economical than any previous design. (2)

The Moscow Brake Plant has attained a level of production $1\frac{1}{2}$ times greater than that planned for 1950. Labor consumption on basic products has been reduced 25-75 percent, and 1,300,000 rubles have been saved in a year. Great savings have also been realized in ferrous and nonferrous metals. (3)

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The "Avtodetal" Plant, Yerevan, completed the year program by the end of October, with the average worker exceeding his norm 50 percent. Acceleration of working capital was in excess of plan, and one million rubles were released to the national economy. (5)

One large accessories plant, nowever, has drawn criticism in the Moscow press for its labor policy. The Podol'sk Storage-Battery Plant of the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry has failed to carry out several decisions of the Central Committee regarding labor protection. Shkadretsov, director of the Main Administration for Automobile Electrical Equipment, is held responsible. (7)

A recent periodical article revealed the extent of marticipation of parts plants in activities of the agricultural machine-building industry. The plants of the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry supply the plants of the Ministry of Agricultural Machine-Building, through cooperative agreements, with 35 different parts for self-propelled combines. These include wheels, steering gear, main shafts and transmissions, clutch plattes, wheel hubs, carburetors, storage batteries, ammeters, light switches, electric indicators, sliding clutches, various gears, levers, and other parts. (8)

Tractor Production

A report from Kharkov claims that a record number of tractors are coming off the assembly line at the Kharkov Tractor Plant. The average monthly production planned for 1950 has been achieved, and more than 1,500 workers are producing at twice their required rates. (9)

Tecarology

In metalworking processes related to the automotive industry considerable advances have been made in the Onezhskiy Plant, Petrozavodsk, toward instituting high-speed machining. In one shop, 16 machine tools have been converted to high-speed methods, using hard-alloy cutters. They are now machining hubs, axles, and wheels for hauling cars (motovoz) in only three cutting operations.

A new machine-tool has recently been set up which performs facing operations on stands for three-drum winches in only one-half hour, a third of the time formerly required.

There is still a need, however, for special negative-angle hard-alloy cutters and other equipment. Efforts toward converting to high-speed methods have stopped halfway. (10)

Repair Plants Report

The Taincha Machinery Repair Plant, Kokchetav Oblast, fulfilled its year plan for capital repairs of petroleum engines and equipment for the MTS ahead of time. (11)

The Moscow Fourth Automobile Repair Plant (director, Slutskiy) has completed the Five-Year Plan. (4)

The Kolumna Motor Repair Plant completed the Five-Year Plan in respect to production volume in 3 years and 9 months. (6)

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